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SUBJECT: EXIMBANK FINANCING FOR IRANIAN GOVERNMENT ENTITIES

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1. AS WE INTERPRET REFTTEL, EXIM WILL NOT BE ASKED TO
FINANCE FUTURE PURCHASES BY IRANIAN GOVERNMENT ENTITIES (
EXCEPT FOR MILITARY PURCHASES). IS THIS THE CASE?

2. WE RECEIVED TELEX ON MAY 9 FROM AGAH OF FINANCE MINISTRY
ASKING THAT LOAN WE HAD AUTHORIZED FOR NATIONAL IRANIAN
RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING EQUIPMENT PROJECT BE
CANCELLED, SO WE WERE AWARE IRANIANS DID NOT WANT TO USE
EXIM FINANCING FOR THAT PARTICULAR TRANSACTION.

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3. EXIM OBVIOUSLY WOULD WELCOME IRANIAN DECISION TO PAY CASH FOR IMPORTS FROM U.S. BUT WISHES TO CONFIRM UNDERSTANDING BEFORE DENYING PRELIMINARY COMMITMENTS TO U.S. EXPOERTERS. FOR INSTANCE, WE ARE CONSIDERING A REQUEST FROM GTE FOR FOR A PRELIMINARY COMMITMENT TO ASSIST IN FINANCING ESTIMATED DOLS 110.0 MILLION COST OF U.S. GOODS AND SERVICES FOR INSTALLATION OF AUTOMATIC ELECTRONIC TELEPHONE SWITCHING SYSTEMS FOR TELECOMMUNICATION COMPANY OF IRAN (TCI). (FYI THE PROJECT GTE IS BIDDING ON APPARENTLY IS RELATED TO TCI EXPANSION PROGRAM FINANCED IN PART BY WORLD BANK.)

4. WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF EMBASSY COULD DETERMINE WHETHER IRANIANS WANT EXIM FINANCING FOR TCI/GTE TRANSACTION AND WHAT FINMIN'S GENERAL POSITION IS WITH RESPECT TO EXIM FINANCING AND PRELIMINARY COMMITMENTS FOR U.S. FIRMS. SISCO

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